

a magnanimous heart, a desire to excel and the fight in him to say to naysayers, "just watch me," Darrent took on the world.

As a senior high school player, he was named 7-4A Defensive Most Valuable Player. During his career at Oklahoma State University, where he received full scholarship, he tied for first place all-time Division I-A in career interception returns for touchdowns. In 2005 he was selected by the Denver Broncos as 2nd Round pick for starting Cornerback and Punt Returner.

At the age of 24, Darrent Williams' life was cut short. But through tragedy, a life-fulfilling purpose emerged. The Darrent Williams Foundation, which carries his namesake, will partner with a host of organizations to provide mentorship, counseling, tutoring, guidance, and athletic training and conditioning to youth ages 6 to 13. These services will be rendered with the overall goal to help ease life challenges and concerns regardless of ethnicity and socioeconomic background. As partners with Fort Worth Independent School District (FWISD), L. Clifford Davis and Morningside Elementary Schools have been chosen as inaugural recipients.

Today, I join with the entire city of Fort Worth community in recognizing Darrent Williams' life and legacy.

IN HONOR OF FATHER'S DAY

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2008

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I wish to honor our Nation's fathers this Father's Day because they are the foundation of the family and heroes in the eyes of our Nation's children. Fathers are a vital part of the strength of the American family and I ask that my colleagues honor the fathers of our Nation on Sunday, June 15, 2008.

Father's Day is celebrated worldwide at different times of the year, but in America, we celebrate it on the third Sunday of June. Father's Day has a long history in the United States, although it was not officially recognized until the presidency of Richard Nixon. After the Civil War, the casualties were immeasurable and many women lost their fathers, husbands and family members. Two notable women, Sonora Smart Dodd of West Virginia and Grace Golden Clayton of Washington, acted upon their loss by encouraging their communities and states to commemorate the lives of their fathers. Sonora Smart Dodd, whose single-parent father raised 6 children before his death, was the first to propose such a celebration of fatherhood in 1909.

Father's Day is a time for Americans nationwide to show reverence and love for the father figures in their lives. It is also a time to pay tribute to those men who are single parents or guardians and still seem to be legends in their children's eyes. On June 15, I urge my colleagues and fellow citizens to celebrate Father's Day.

MERIDA INITIATIVE TO COMBAT ILLICIT NARCOTICS AND REDUCE ORGANIZED CRIME AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss HR 6028, "The Merida Initiative to Combat Illicit Narcotics and Reduce Organized Crime Authorization Act of 2008." This bill would fund, train and equip Mexican security forces that would help prevent the trafficking of guns and drugs over the U.S.-Mexico border. I will vote for this bill, but I have some concerns about the Merida Initiative.

By supporting the Merida Initiative, the United States demonstrates its commitment to prevent the illegal importation of guns and drugs by partnering with Mexican and Central American governments. This initiative benefits the larger battle against organized crime, prevents drugs from hitting American cities and counties, and stymies gang violence from spilling over the border.

I believe that Congress must ensure our money is being used to prevent illegal materials from coming over the border. We have a responsibility to protect American citizens from drugs and violence. However, we also have a responsibility to make sure the money we appropriate for foreign governments is not directly or indirectly leading to human rights violations. Human rights abuses cannot and should not be perpetrated by personnel trained using American dollars. I applaud Chairman BERMAN and the Foreign Affairs Committee for placing restrictions on the uses of this money and firmly support investigations into reports of human right abuses in countries receiving Merida Initiative funding.

Human rights violations have been reported in Mexico but are insufficiently investigated. A constituent of mine, Brad Will, a journalist for the Downtown Express, was murdered while on assignment in Mexico. The suspected gunmen were local officials. Tragically, his family is still waiting for justice. While we must protect our own citizens from guns and drugs, we must exercise the necessary oversight to ensure that this funding is used appropriately.

COMMEMORATING THE OPENING OF ELLA MAE GRATTS SHAMBLEE LIBRARY IN FORT WORTH, TEXAS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2008

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the grand opening of the Mrs. Ella Mae Gratts Shamblee Library in the city of Fort Worth, Texas. On Friday, June 13, 2008, elected officials, clergy, historians, stakeholders, residents and visitors will gather to celebrate this opening and the library named in her honor.

At a time when African-Americans were not allowed to sit in libraries or drink from "public"

water fountains, Mrs. Shamblee, the city's first African-American librarian, interceded and acted as an agent of change by providing books to those who otherwise may not have been able to visit the city's library. Mrs. Shamblee repeatedly carried boxes of books and rode on streetcars and buses to deliver them to the African-American community of South Fort Worth.

Through continued public service, Mrs. Shamblee became a pillar of the community and provided library services at establishments such as Stevens Grocery Store, a nursery school and the Federations Women's Club. Her enthusiasm in creating an atmosphere of education and knowledge resulted in her pioneering the library's bookmobile which was the forerunner of the city's branch libraries.

The Shamblee Library will serve as an epitome of advancements made in providing access to information to all residents in the city of Fort Worth, and particularly the Evans/Rosedale and Terrell Heights neighborhoods. Incorporated into the design of the historic Tommy Tucker building, the Shamblee Library is the cornerstone of the Eva & Rosedale Business and Cultural District and an edifice to the long-anticipated Southeast Fort Worth renaissance.

Today, I join with the entire city of Fort Worth community in recognizing the significance of this occasion and to pay tribute to the grand opening of the Ella Mae Gratts Shamblee Library.

IN HONOR OF REVEREND DR. JOE E. DANCY, SR.

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2008

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, this Father's Day, I wish to honor and recognize the life, legacy and ministry of the Reverend Dr. Joe E. Dancy, Sr., who currently serves as the pastor of St. James Missionary Baptist Church in Houston, Texas. Dr. Dancy was born on October 3, 1926 and is now 80 years old. Dr. Dancy has ten children, 56 grandchildren and over 100 great grandchildren and has been married for 63 years to Mrs. Vernia L. Dancy. On this Father's Day, I would like to salute him as the patriarch of the Dancy family, public servant to the people of Houston, and the presiding pastor at St. James Missionary Baptist Church.

Dr. Dancy has been preaching for 45 years and he has served the people of St. James for 41 years. In 1945, he began working for the City of Houston as a truck driver and he did not retire until 1978. During his 33 years with the City of Houston, he worked through the Civil Rights Movement, the Jim Crow era and the desegregation period. In addition, he worked as a community leader in Houston's Sunnyside community for over 60 years. Continuing his commitment to service, Dr. Dancy worked on community projects such as the Shutdown of the Sunnyside Incinerator, the community resistance movements against the expansions of numerous landfills that existed in Sunnyside, and most recently the fight against Southern Crushed Concrete. In a leadership capacity, he serves as a Chaplain for

the Harris County Precinct 7 Constable Office, a member of the Scottish Rite Masonic Lodge, and a member of the Houston Baptist Minister's Association.

Madam Speaker, on this Father's Day, I ask my colleagues and people of Houston to honor the Reverend Dr. Joe E. Dancy, Sr. for his dedication to his family, the people of Houston, and St. James Missionary Baptist Church.

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTOPHER
TROUVÉ, COLONEL, UNITED
STATES ARMY

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2008

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to a man who has served our Nation with dignity, pride, and honor. With that in mind, I ask that all of my colleagues join me in celebrating the retirement of Colonel Christopher Trouvé of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Colonel Trouvé will retire on June 25, 2008 after a distinguished 25-year career with the United States Army.

Col. Christopher Trouvé was born in Nürnberg, Germany on February 4, 1961, as one of the three children of Lt. Col. (Retired) Raymond and Clare Trouvé, while his father was serving as a captain in the U.S. Army. Christopher grew up traveling the world until his father retired from the Army and settled the family in Sault Ste. Marie. Christopher attended and subsequently graduated from the Sault Area High School.

Colonel Trouvé began his military career at Michigan State University through an Army Reserve Officer Training Corps scholarship. Following graduation, as a Distinguished Military Graduate, Colonel Trouvé was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery branch of the Army.

Following in his father's footsteps, Christopher attended the Officer Rotary Wing Aviator Course at Fort Rucker, Alabama. After graduating from flight school, Christopher was assigned to the 159th Aviation Support Helicopter Battalion, 101st Airborne Division. It was during this first unit assignment that he was promoted to captain, developed his skills as a combat aviator and combined arms tactician, and was recognized by the Army's Aviation Resource Management Survey Team for managing a "superior" flight operation.

In August 1987, he volunteered for duty as the Operations Officer for the Aviation Company of the Logistics Support Unit, Sinai, Egypt in support of the Multinational Force and Observers. Shortly thereafter he took command of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 7th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment (Heavy Lift) and deployed the unit to Saudi Arabia in support of Operation Desert Shield.

During Operation Desert Storm, Colonel Trouvé flew as a Night Vision Goggle Combat Crew Pilot-in-Command of a CH-47D heavy lift helicopter. During this tour he flew more than 60 hours in combat missions. For his service and leadership, he was awarded two Air Medals and the Bronze Star.

During his career, Colonel Trouvé also took command of the Charlie Company, 228th

Aviation Regiment, the Alpha Company "Predators," 7th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, and the 2d Battalion (Heavy Lift), 52d Aviation Regiment "Nightmare." As a commander, Christopher provided leadership, innovation, and inspiration in operations, training, and maintenance. He helped his crews increase night vision goggle flying time, sustain high operation tempos, and maintain high operational readiness.

Christopher earned a Master of Arts in Management at the Command and General Staff College in 1997 and was promoted to Colonel in October 2005 while attending the Air War College, where he graduated with a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies.

Colonel Trouvé is currently serving in his final assignment as the Deputy Director, Technology Management Office, Office of the Chief of Staff at the Pentagon where he is responsible for oversight of all Secretary of the Army-designated sensitive activities.

Madam Speaker, Colonel Christopher Trouvé has served the U.S. Army with distinction for 25 years. During his career as a commissioned officer, Colonel Trouvé has flown almost 2,500 hours and earned the distinction as a Master Army Aviator. In 2002, he was inducted into the Honorable Order of Saint Michael, Bronze Award by the Army Aviation Association of America for "outstanding contributions to the community of Army Aviation."

On June 25, 2008, family, friends, and fellow members of the Army will gather to celebrate a well-deserved retirement for Colonel Christopher Trouvé. As Christopher prepares to enter retirement, I offer him, his wife Nancy, and his two sons all the best for the future. I ask, Madam Speaker, that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in thanking Colonel Christopher Trouvé for his service to the United States Army and our Nation and in commending him for the many years of his life he has spent in service to others.

IN MEMORY OF HAZEL HARVEY
PEACE

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2008

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember Hazel Harvey Peace and her extraordinary career in educating and enriching the lives of many African-American children and adults in Fort Worth, Texas.

Born August 4, 1907, Ms. Peace served the African-American community for 46 years as teacher, debate team coach, counselor, Dean of Girls and Vice Principal of I.M. Terrell High School. After retiring from this historically recognized institution, she spent an additional 9 years as Coordinator of Financial Aid and was subsequently promoted to Director of Student Affairs at Bishop College in Dallas. She is credited with having increased recruitment efforts for scores of African-American students to colleges and universities around the country.

In addition, Hazel Harvey Peace became the woman for whom the children's section of Fort Worth's main public library is named. Most recently, the University of North Texas honored her with the Hazel Harvey Peace

Professorship. This professorship has the distinction as the first such honor to be named for an African-American woman at a 4-year, State-funded institution in Texas.

Ms. Peace passed away Sunday, June 8, 2008, at the age of 100 years and leaves generations of students who will gather to celebrate her life and legacy. She will always be remembered as an educator who had a passion to inspire and a zest to mentor students through her dedication to education. Her lifelong commitment and impact has touched thousands across the State of Texas as well as those across this vast Nation. We are truly indebted to her legacy.

HONORING THE REVEREND
JOHNNIE JEFFERSON ROBERSON
ON FATHER'S DAY

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2008

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, this Father's Day, I would like to honor a man who exemplifies what it means to be an excellent father—a man who is a community leader, an upstanding and moral man, and a positive role model for our youth. The Reverend Johnnie Jefferson Roberson, who lives in my congressional district, has done great things, and I am proud to express my congratulations to him for all he has done for our community.

Earlier this year, Reverend Roberson marked the semi-centennial of the Mt. Hebron Missionary Baptist Church, of which he was a founder and organizer. Reverend Roberson has shown tremendous loyalty to his church, serving as the pastor of Mt. Hebron to this day. Under Reverend Roberson's leadership, Mt. Hebron has expanded and strengthened greatly and now has over 1,000 families as members. Along with his service to Mt. Hebron, Reverend Roberson also has served his country, serving in the United States Army during World War II. In commemoration of Reverend Roberson's great work, he received an NAACP Leadership Award in 2005, and I believe that he deserves recognition from all of us.

Reverend Roberson has long been a valued member of community, and rightly so. On this occasion of Father's Day, I would like to recognize Reverend Roberson for all of his accomplishments and urge people across America to look to leaders such as Reverend Roberson as role models for their work in inspiring and engaging our youth to live productive, positive lives.

CONGRATULATING MR. RICHARD
E. WITTEN

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2008

Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Mr. Richard E. Witten and to congratulate him on receiving the Anne Frank Distinguished Advocate Award. Mr. Witten's deep commitment to education and the Jewish experience is unparalleled.